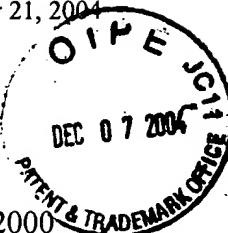


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 21, 2004, having a period set to respond by December 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

No fee is believed to be due.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.